FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H. 3797

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TO: The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal

Affairs Committee

FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: In-home Care Service Provider

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3797 amends Section 44-7-130 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the licensure of health care facilities. The Bill adds a definition for "in-home care service provider" in connection with the licensure of health facilities.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)

The Bill requires DHEC to begin licensing "in-home health care providers." The number of such providers is unknown. However, DHEC estimates first year cost of licensing such facilities at between \$155,100 and \$231,050 assuming between 100 and 300 facilities would need to be licensed. Recurring annual cost can be estimated at between \$117,100 and \$193,075 annually thereafter. The number of additional FTEs needed to implement the licensing requirement is estimated at between 3.50 and 5.50.

Other Agencies

The Departments of Health & Human Services, and Disabilities and Special Needs each indicate this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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The section of the Code amended by this Bill deals with the Certificate of Need program and authorizes DHEC to charge an application fee, filing fee and a review fee. All such fees are remitted to the General Fund of the State.

Approved by:

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